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1. The Soviet Air Force organization in Rumania is divided into eight air bases. Each air base is under a high Soviet Air Force Command, which handles the operations of various airfields.
2. Bucharest Air Base: This is the headquarters of the Soviet Air Force in Rumania. There is a group of airfields at Baneasa, with about 150 jet fighters and big fuel depots. There are sub-commands at:
Otopeni: Several groups of 20 planes each.
Pipera: Available to the Rumanian Air Force.
Cotofeni
Popesti Leordeni
Giulesti

All of these airfields have been modernized, with new installations, including concrete runways. In the forest of Baneasa, near the Vermeulen Villa is a Soviet radar station. In Bucharest and its neighborhood there are numerous antiaircraft stations, and some have been installed on the roofs of the higher buildings. The Bucharest Air Base has about 2,000 Soviet pilots.
3. Lugoj-Caransebes Air Base: The staff is at Lugoj. Near that point is a very modern airfield whose construction was begun in 1950. There are many underground installations and runways that can accommodate jet fighters and heavy bombers. There is an airfield on Muntele Mic Mountain, 12 km from Borlova, with underground installations on the plateau which can take planes. There are large depots for bombs and fuel. The whole area is closed and carefully watched.
4. Stalin (Brasov) Air Base: This is the main shop area of the air force.

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About 120 planes are located at the several airfields in the Stalin area.

5. Craiova Air Base: In the neighborhood of Caracal, 20 km south of Craiova is a modern airfield with a long concrete runway, numerous hangars, shops, fuel depots and underground installations. The Deveselu Airfield between Caracal and Rosiorii de Vede is used by the Soviet Air Force only; it is the largest and most modern in Rumania. Near Craiova there are other small airfields, the most important being at Hanul-Doctorului and Turcenii de Sus. At Caracal there is an airfield with six radiating runways, each 1 km long and 30 to 40 m wide. There are eight hangars, each 200 m long. Underground installations.
6. Ploesti Air Base: There are strong anti-aircraft installations throughout the whole area. Airfields are located at Strejnicul, Salcuta (Titu), Boteni and Sardini (sic). There is a new modern airfield with numerous hangars at Balcoi.
7. Buzau Air Base: Airfields are located at Dragaici, Silistea and close to Buzau. These airfields have been enlarged and modernized by the Soviets with new and large hangars, concrete runways and fuel depots.
8. Galati-Braila-Ianca Air Base: There are several airfields at Galati, including one with underground installation, at Braila, and Ianca, the latter with underground installations.
9. Constanta Air Base: Airfields are located at Topraisar, (a very large one with underground installations); Tatarul, Mamaia, (with many heavy bombers); Siut Ghiol, (a seaplane base); and at Constanta itself.
10. There are other airfields which have no visible direct connections with one of the air bases, at:

Pitesti, near Geamana, with underground installations.
 Cocargeaua, with concrete runways, 2.5 km long, 50 m wide.
 Tecuci, a flying school, with newly-built runways, hangars and depots.
 Small airfields used by civilian traffic at most of the large cities.
11. Distinct from the ground troops, the Rumanian Air Force is almost completely under Soviet control. No Rumanian Air Unit or Command can do anything by itself. Even the training operations are under Soviet control.

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